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SUBJECT: VISIT BY AEC REGULATORY OFFICIALS

REF: (A) LAFLEUR TELEX APRIL 29, (B) LAFLEUR-MCCLELLAND  
TELCONS, (C) EC BRUSSELS 2558, (D) BONN 6655,  
(E) BONN 6636, (F) STATE 84893, (G) LAFLEUR TELEX  
APRIL 20.

1. SUMMARY. RESPONDING TO REF A AND B REQUESTS,  
EMBASSY S&T COUNSELOR CALLED ON SEIPEL AT FRG MINISTRY  
OF RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY. LATTER AGREED RECONSIDER  
VISIT BY STELLO AND AUDETTE AND TO ATTEMPT TO MAKE  
APPROPRIATE ARRANGEMENTS FOR VISIT ON MAY 20-21, AS  
ALTERNATIVE DATES PROPOSED REF. G. HE CAN NOT RPT NOT  
YET DETERMINE WHETHER KWU IN ERLANGEN WILL BE ABLE TO  
RECEIVE AEC OFFICIALS. HE PROMISED CHECK AND INFORM  
EMBASSY ASAP. BOTH HE AND SAHL, INTERIOR MINISTRY,  
AND THEIR COLLEAGUES WOULD BE AVAILABLE IN BONN.  
END SUMMARY.

2. EMBOFF MET WITH SEIPEL AND HIS DEPUTY, REVIEWED  
URGENT AEC NEED FOR DATA TO BE OBTAINED DURING VISIT BY  
STELLO AND AUDETTE, AND URGED THAT FRG MAKE ARRANGEMENTS  
FOR THE VISIT. SEIPEL RESPONDED TO THIS APPEAL IN VERY  
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POSITIVE MANNER. HE REITERATED POINTS MADE IN REF.E

BUT ASSURED EMBOFF HE UNDERSTANDS SITUATION AND WILL  
MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ARRANGE APPROPRIATE VISIT.

3. IT HAS PROVED IMPOSSIBLE AS YET TO REACH APPROPRIATE  
PEOPLE AT KWU TO DISCUSS THIS AEC REQUEST. TECHMIN WILL  
CONTINUE THEIR EFFORTS AND INFORM EMBASSY ASAP. TECHMIN,  
THEREFORE, IS NOT YET ABLE TO CONFIRM VISIT TO ERLANGEN.

4. SEIPEL IS ALSO WILLING TO CONSIDER PENDING AEC VISIT  
ON CONTAINMENT TECHNOLOGY AND WILL INVESTIGATE  
POSSIBILITY OF JUNE 12 MEETING BETWEEN GERMAN AND US  
EXPERTS ON PRESSURE VESSEL TECHNOLOGY.

5. SEIPEL - EXPLAINED WITH OBVIOUS SINCERITY HIS RELUCTANCE TO  
EMBARK ON PROGRAM OF AD HOC VISITS PRIOR TO AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN COORDINATORS ON GUIDELINES FOR OVERALL US-FRG  
COOPERATIVE PROGRAM UNDER MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
WITH AEC. FRG MINISTRIES ARE SO UNDERSTAFFED THAT  
FREQUENT UNCOORDINATED VISITS DISSIPATE THEIR  
RESOURCES AND COMPETE WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF LONG-  
RANGE PROGRAMS.

6. SEIPEL PROPOSED THAT STELLO AND AUDETTE VISIT BE  
SCHEDULED FOR MAY 20-21, TO PERMIT MAXIMUM TIME FOR  
PREPARATION.

7. SEIPEL BELIEVED IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO HAVE MORE  
INFORMATION TO ASSIST IN PLANNING STELLO VISIT. HE

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ASKED FOR DATA ON FLECHT-SET PROGRAM AND AEC  
EXPERIMENTAL PROGRAMS RELATED TO STELLO'S INTERESTS.  
HE ALSO NOTED THAT FRG HAS LITTLE DATA ABOUT LOFT  
SEMI-SCALE EXPERIMENT WHICH TRIGGERED EXTENDED ECCS  
DISCUSSIONS. THEY WOULD APPRECIATE THESE DATA ASAP,  
WELL IN ADVANCE OF VISIT IF POSSIBLE.

8. EMBASSY COMMENT: KWU RESPONSE TO TECHMIN  
INQUIRIES WILL DETERMINE WHETHER DATA DESIRED BY AEC  
OFFICIALS IS READY FOR RELEASE AND CAN BE PROVIDED.  
SEIPEL ACKNOWLEDGED THAT KWU HAS PROPRIETARY INTEREST  
IN SOME REACTOR SAFETY DATA. HE DOES NOT RPT NOT KNOW  
THEIR POSITION ON THE DATA CURRENTLY DESIRED BY AEC.  
EMBASSY EXPERIENCE WITH US/FRG AGENCY-AGENCY  
MEMORANDA OF UNDERSTANDING FOR COOPERATION IN SCIENCE  
AND TECHNOLOGY SUGGESTS THAT DR. KOUTS AND HERR SEIPEL  
SHOULD MEET ASAP TO DEVELOP A DETAILED, AGREED OUTLINE  
OF PROGRAM COMMITMENTS. WITHOUT SUCH AN FRG  
COMMITMENT, AN AGENCY-AGENCY MOU MAY PROVE A WEAK TOOL  
TO DEVELOP MEANINGFUL COOPERATION IN A POTENTIALLY  
COMMERCIAL SENSITIVE AREA. THE MHD/MOU PROVIDES A  
SAD CASE IN POINT. FURTHERMORE, THE POSSIBILITY OF A  
GERMAN-FINANCED COOPERATIVE US-FRG PROGRAM IN  
REACTOR SAFETY RESEARCH UNDER THE OFFSET AGREEMENT  
ALSO SUGGESTS THAT THE NEW REACTOR SAFETY R&D/MOU  
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SHOULD BE PLACED ON A FIRM BASIS ASAP. WE HOPE AEC WILL  
FIND IT POSSIBLE TO CONTINUE ITS PATIENT NEGOTIATIONS  
WITH THE FRG TOWARD THIS OBJECTIVE.  
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